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1. INITIAL GOVERNMENT EXPLANATION OF SEPTEMBER 18 MAJOR CABINET RESHUFFLE STRESSES THEME OF CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL UNITY IN THE WAKE OF AUGUST 15 INCIDENT AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACES. MEDIA IS CARRYING REACTIONS OF DRP AND YUCHONGHOE SPOKESMEN WHO ALSO SEE RESHUFFLE AS GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO "POPULAR ASPIRATIONS" AS WELL AS MEANS OF MEETING PRESENT DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WITH NEW OUTLOOK. YUCHONGHOE IN PARTICULAR NOTED PRESIDENT PARK HAD SELECTED MANY NEW "ACTION-ORIENTED" PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS KOREAN CIRCLES TO WORK DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.

2. HOWEVER NDP SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING RESHUFFLE WAS NOT A NEW START, NOTABLY IN REFERENCE TO NEW DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM TOK-U WHO PARTY CHARGED HAD FAILED SO FAR IN EXECUTING ECONOMIC POLICIES. NDP SPOKESMAN
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SAID PARTY DUD NO UNDERSTAND REASONS AND PURPOSES BEHIND OTHER

CABINET CHANGES. NDP FLOOR LEADER, KIM HYONG-IL, SINGLED OUT
INCUMBENT FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG-JO FOR ATTACK WITH REFERENCE
TO ROK-JAPAN CONTROVERSY AND INCUMBENT AGRICULTURE AND

FISHERIES MINISTER, CHONG SO-YONG, FOR HIS FAILURE IN
KOREAN FOOD POLICIES. KIM SUGGESTED THEY TOO BE REPLACED.
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